

BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR OPTOMETRY

MINUTES OF MEETING

MAY 30, 2007

Open Session

The Open Session of the Board of Examiners for Optometry was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended. A quorum was established.

Board members in attendance:

David Mills, OD

Samuel Montalto, OD

Louise DiChiara Pastore, OD

Board members not in attendance:

Scott Surdut, OD

Staff members in attendance:

Donna Dickerman

The minutes of the meeting held on January 31, 2007 were presented. On a motion by David Mills, seconded by Samuel Montalto, it was unanimously voted to accept the Open Session minutes as presented.

Business

The Board reviewed an application for amplified privileges for glaucoma treatment from John Corvese, OD. The application was deemed complete, and the Board approved it for licensure. A request was received for reconsideration of the denial of amplified privileges for glaucoma treatment from Susana Chan, OD. Dr. Chan's application was denied in January, 2007, as the 20 cases required for review were completed in New York under Ms. Chan's New York license. The Department of Health requires the cases be completed in Rhode Island, by a Rhode Island licensed optometrist and under the supervision of a Rhode Island licensed ophthalmologist. The Board advised while this requirement is not in the rules and regulations, the previous director of health, Dr. Nolan, established said requirement, which established a precedent. A search of previous board minutes will be made.

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This administrator received an inquiry regarding license numbers beginning with ODT vs. ODTA. Member, David Mills, stated, prior to August, 1999, all persons were initially licensed as ODT's, unless they had completed a course in amplification, which granted amplification privileges, and, therefore, licensed as ODTA's. Effective 1999, the national certification examination included the TMOD scores, which eliminated the need for a separate amplification course. Persons licensed prior to 1999, who desire(d) an ODTA license, were/are required to either retake the current TMOD or provide proof of completion of an amplification course.

Adjournment to Executive Session

On motion of Louise DiChiara Pastore, seconded by Samuel Montalto, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, to review minutes of the January 31, 2007 Executive Session.

On motion of David Mills, seconded by Samuel Montalto, the Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented and to keep said minutes sealed.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order.

On a motion entered by Louise DiChiara Pastore, seconded by David Mills, the Board voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Executive Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed. No final actions to report.

Adjournment

On motion of Samuel Montalto, seconded by David Mills, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the Open Session of the meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Dickerman

Board Administrator

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